

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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Gospel: Matt.8:28-9:1

July 25, 2021 –Dormition of the Righteous
Anna, Mother of the Theotokos.

Rom.10:1-10

Schedule of Services

Sunday, July 25, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 31, Great Vespers 6:30 p.m. Confession 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 1, Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas (Annual) for Zinaida Odowd, offered lovingly by her husband Ken and daughters.

We are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelopes.

We have received our insurance premium which we pay quarterly nearly \$3,200.00 also other utility bills and we need your help especial during the summer to meet our financial obligations.

An answer to our prayer anonymous gift was left in the rectory mailbox this Monday, following the Divine Services of last Sunday in the amount of \$5,000.00 **May our Lord Jesus Christ bless our donor with continued good health and many years!**

St. Michael's Church Committee & Windsor Inn & Jermyn Sesquicentennial Committee will have a special meeting this Monday, July 26 at 5:45 p.m. to finalize plans for the Jermyn Sesquicentennial Dinner to be held at St. Michael's Center, on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

Monthly Heat & Air Collection will be taken this Sunday. Please use the special envelopes in the designated offering basket. **We thank you in advance for your generosity!**

Annual Orthodox Prison Ministry Awareness will be held in two weeks, on Sunday, August 8. Please be generous in your support of this national appeal!

Following a joint meeting held between St. Michael's Church Committee and Windsor Inn, we have scheduled a **one day, modified parish festival & Classic Car Show** to be held on Sunday, September 26. More information will be forthcoming. **Please mark this date on your calendar of events!**

A Special Thank You to Brad Given for directing our Church choir this morning. Seminarian Brad Given who will be entering into his final year at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary in the fall of this year and he has agreed to be our summer intern.

Matushka Dolores Petorak had successful knee replacement surgery on Thursday, July 22 at The Geisinger Community Medical Center, in Scranton and is recuperating at home. **Please send her get well card; 218 Walnut St. Jermyn, Pa. 18433**

Peter Senio is a guest at The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. **Please remember Peter in your prayers.**

Please note: The water at our St. Michael's Church Cemetery has been fixed and turned on for the season. Please be careful by turning off the water after being used. **May our Lord give eternal rest to our departed Church family.**

If your Church Dues are in arrears, please make an effort to send them to the Church. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

Dormition Fast begins next Sunday, August 1: The heart of a sincere Orthodox Christian desires to choose the hard path of commitment over the easy (and rather boring?) path of convenience. During the Dormition Fast, we now have the God-given opportunity to escape the summer doldrums that drain our spiritual energy. With prayer, almsgiving and fasting, we can renew our tired bodies and souls. We can lift up our "drooping hands" in an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving. The Dormition of the Theotokos has often been called "Pascha in the summer." It celebrates the victory of life over death—or of death as a translation into the Kingdom of Heaven. The Dormition Fast is our spiritually vigilant preparation leading up to that glorious celebration honouring the Mother of God and contemplate our own entrance into the Kingdom of God. "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold; now is the day of salvation!" [2 Corinthians 6:2].